

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

BLACK FRIARS

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Mt. Victoria Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Newburg

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Charles

CODE

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Mr. Phelps

STREET AND NUMBER:

"Black Friars", Mt. Victoria Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Newburg

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Charles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

La Plata

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Black Friars is a superbly restored home of three part or telescopic design. The wall construction is brick, 1 1/2 storey with double chimney on the S gable of the largest section and a single chimney on the N gable of the middle portion. The roof is gambrel with the ridge running N to S

The largest portion is 3 bays in length with center door with transome flanked by 1 window ea. side. The middle portion has a door at N end of front flanked by two windows to the S. The largest portion has 3 dormers in relation with window and door placement below. The middle portion has 2 dormers.

Of particular note are the quaint chimneys. The house appears to date about 1750 from exterior features incl. chimney design.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century ☐  
 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-			
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire		
ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
Addendum to CH-042  
Black Friars Tobacco Barn  
11650 Mt. Victoria Road  
Newburg Vicinity  
Charles County, Maryland

Black Friars Tobacco Barn is situated near a cluster of agricultural buildings 0.13 miles south of the Black Friars dwelling. The barn is located on the north side of a dirt driveway, approximately 0.2 of a mile from its intersection with Mt. Victoria Road. Measuring twenty-four by eighty-and-a-half feet the barn is an unusually large example of an early nineteenth-century tobacco barn with an early, if not original, shed on its south elevation measuring sixteen by eighty-and-a-half feet. The barn is laid out in a cross-axial plan with four irregular pens. While the north, east and west walls of the barn are sheathed with vertical siding, the south wall is covered with corn-crib-like slats that would have facilitated the movement of air between the barn and an open shed located.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-042

Name Black Friars Tobacco Barn

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Oriented east to west, Black Friars Tobacco Barn is laid out in a cross-axial plan. The barn measures twenty-four by eighty-and-a-half feet and is divided into nine bays and four pens. The bays are ten feet wide with the exception of two door bays five feet wide on either side of the three central bays. Additionally, two doors are located on the gable ends slightly off-center. There are twenty rooms in the barn with five rooms in the first pen, six rooms in the second, four rooms in the third, and five rooms in the fourth. Three cross-sills run across the barn's transverse axis defining the four irregular pens. All major timbers within the braced-frame barn are hewn or pit-sawn and fastened with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The sills have been reinforced with concrete block and poured concrete piers at the barn's western end. Sills elsewhere rest directly on the ground. The barn is also unusually tall standing thirty-one-and-a-half feet above the sill. With this kind of height, the barn accommodates five tiers of stripped sapling tier poles below the joists. Tier poles are not continuous across the width of the barn; rather they extend out from the north and south walls and rest on a set of transverse rails that run the length of the barn. A large number of tobacco sticks are stored in three piles in the barn's second bay.

The east, north and west sides of the barn are sheathed with vertical board siding that is likely original. Side-hinged vertical board vents on the barn's north elevation are placed on roughly nine-foot centers. The south wall of the barn is sheathed with slats averaging in width three inches with an average gap of one-and-a-half inches, much like a corn crib. Slats on this elevation would have allowed air to pass more freely between the barn and what was possibly an original shed extending off this elevation. Louvered vents in each gable end and intermittently along the south elevation provided additional ventilation. The gable roof is clad with corrugated sheet metal. Rafters are supported by three collars and rest on a flat false plate.

A shed measuring sixteen by eighty-and-a-half feet extending off the barn's south elevation possibly dates from the original construction period. The south wall of the shed is open and round earthfast posts support the corrugated metal roof. Many of the timbers have been replaced. The shed's rafters intersect with the barn's top plate.

Black Friars Tobacco Barn represents a large example of an early-nineteenth century tobacco barn in which a shed was possibly part of the original design. Corn-crib slating between the barn's main block and the shed may have been an original solution to ventilating the drying tobacco as in Drydocking Tobacco Barn (SM-546). The barn's unusually tall height accommodated five tiers of hanging tobacco. Tobacco barns like Black Friars were among the first generation of barns to be sided with vertical board in Period I utilizing top- or side-hinged vertical board vents. The barn's shed and some of the barn's timbers are being restored by the owners with funding from the Tobacco Barn Restoration Fund.

Information gathered from this barn can also be used to understand larger patterns of tobacco barn construction and curing processes across southern Maryland. Between 2007 and 2008, the Center for Historic Architecture and Design conducted intensive-level documentation across Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties on tobacco barns that represented both common and unique construction between 1750 and 1950. Like the Calvert County Tobacco Barn Survey conducted in 1990, the purpose of this study was to document and record tobacco barns as a highly threatened architectural and agricultural resource. The National Trust for Preservation cited the Southern Maryland Tobacco Barn as one of the eleven most threatened building types in the United States. Information from this study reveals specific patterns of change over time in use and construction of tobacco barns across the southern Maryland region.

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Black Friars Tobacco Barn

11650 Mount Victoria Rd.

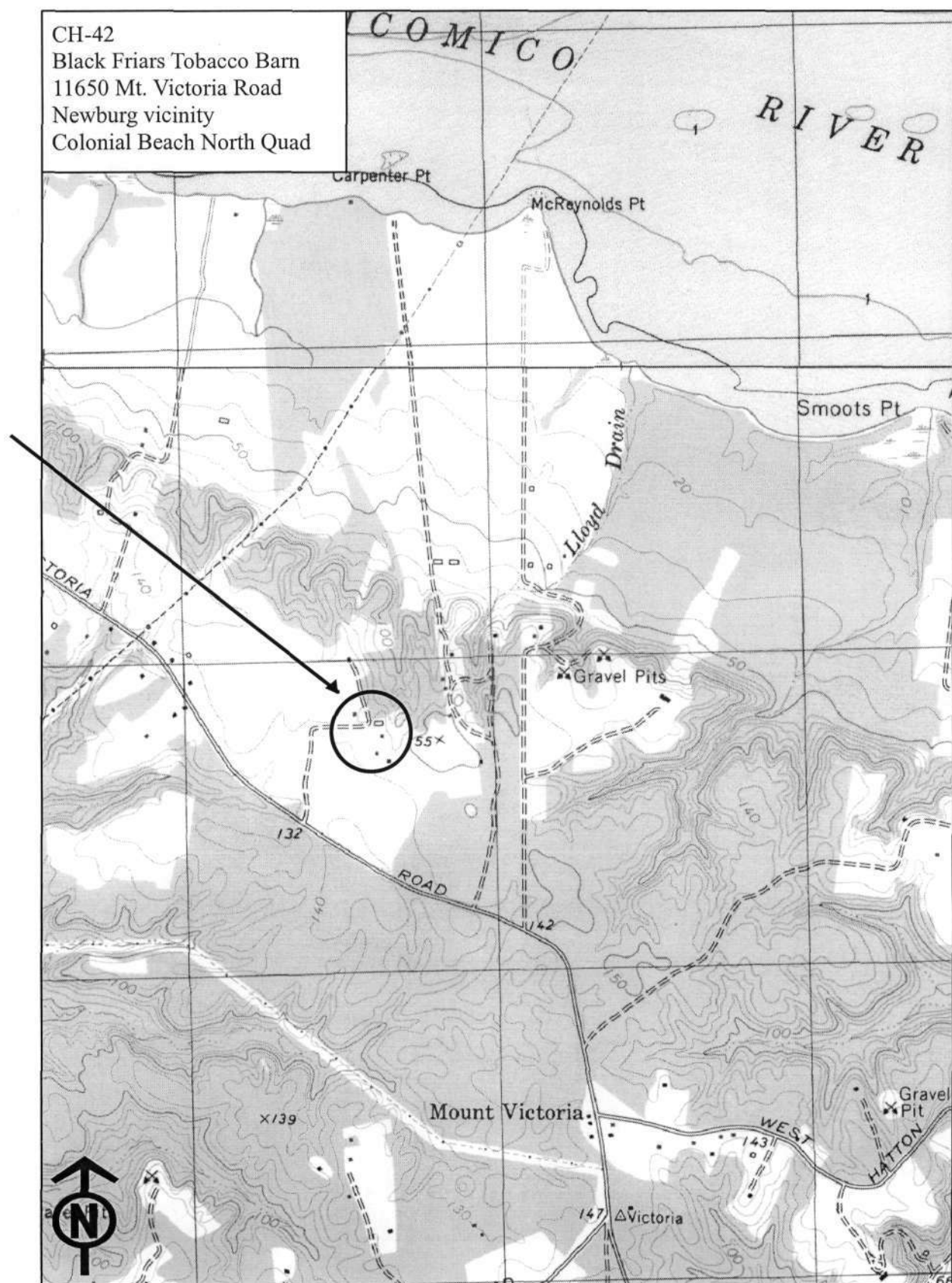
Newburg Vicinity

Charles County, Maryland

For additional documentation of this resource see the "Southern Maryland Tobacco Barn Project"; call number FRR Mary 21



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Black Friars Tobacco Barn  
11650 Mt. Victoria Road  
Newburg vicinity  
Colonial Beach North Quad







CH-042 Black Friars Tobacco Barn  
Newburg, Charles County  
Photo by Center for Historic Architecture and Design Staff  
Looking southeast  
December, 2008



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Looking southwest  
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